

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Art Unit: 1761 (Examiner Keith D. Hendricks)  
Applicants: ALDRICH *et al.*  
Application No: 09/675,825  
Filed: September 29, 2000  
Filed: "SWEET STABLE ACIDIFIED BEVERAGES"

Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 6, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Official Action dated June 6, 2002.

A response to the outstanding Official Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Please charge to Deposit Account No. **502193** the fee of \$920.00 or whatever fee is currently prescribed for the Large Entity Extension of Time Fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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(See attached Limited Recognition Form)

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